



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: ENGINE MUFFLER

REQUEST TO SUSPEND ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests suspension of action by the Office in the above-captioned case for a period of three (3) months. This Request is being filed concurrently with an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A check for the statutory fee of \$130.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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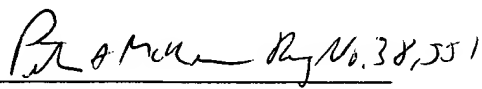
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